GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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DIFFERENCES IN DIFFERENT SPECIES MILK
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that there is considerable difference between quality of milk of Cross Breed, indigenous Cows and Buffaloes;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the beneficial/deleterious effect on health of people;

(c) whether under Preventive Food Adulteration (PFA) no mixing of these milk originating from different animals should be allowed; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR)

(a) & (b) : As far as the health safety point of view is concerned, there is no difference in the milk obtained from Cross Breed, indigenous Cows and Buffaloes. There may, however, be some differences in terms of milk protein, milk fat, milk solids-not-fat etc., depending upon the breed, feed and other factors.

(c) & (d) : Under Prevention of Food Adulteration (PFA) Rules, 1955, there is no prohibition in mixing of milk originating from different animals. The milk should, however, conform to the standards prescribed under the PFA Rules, 1955.